

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

to the California Medical Association



International Health Activities

DOCTOR, If you truly believe in "Better Health for a Better World," you will let *I Have Aided* be your motto for 1967-1968.

A major project of the Woman's Auxiliary to the CMA is the continued support of its program, "International Health Activities." This program is dedicated to the fulfillment of international self-help to health, thus making it possible for participation of each member through support of the many diversified outlets covered by the broad scope of the project.

During the past year, participation in the International Health Activities by the WACMA brought about the collection of 68,000 pounds of surplus pharmaceuticals as well as 410 pounds of medical and surgical equipment sent to Direct Relief Foundation in Santa Barbara. In addition, 39,039 pounds of surplus pharmaceuticals were shipped to various individual medical outlets as requested by the donors; World Medical Association was the recipient of 224 journals, 37 textbooks, and 400 pounds of medical equipment.

This collection represents an invaluable amount of aid for those in need, as well as a well-organized, concerted effort on the part of your auxiliary. "Project Hope," "AMDOC," "Doctor to Doctor" and International Hospitality programs have been actively supported.

Doctor, keep those medical supplies going overseas. At present it takes approximately 4,000 pounds of medical supplies (surplus drugs, medical and surgical instruments, bandages, "johnny coats" and the like) *each day* to fill existing requests made to Direct Relief Foundation in Santa Barbara alone.

At this date, we are formulating a program in conjunction with the California Medical Assis-

tants' Association to make this endeavor a joint project. Thus, you will be besieged at home by your wife and at the office by your assistant to participate by donating surplus drugs, medical and surgical instruments, and medical supplies—as well as your old shirts.

All collections are sent to a responsible collection agency, registered with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, licensed by the appropriate health agencies of the State of California, which maintains its operations under the supervision of a registered pharmacist and has the necessary export licenses permitting shipment of drugs overseas.

No contributions are sent abroad except to legitimate medical missions or hospitals (upon proper request by a physician), and only then after each shipment is properly sponsored. Nothing is sent overseas without rigid investigation as to the validity of the request.

Present programs include:

Medical Supplies

1. Surplus pharmaceuticals, medicines, vitamins (original, sealed packages).
2. Baby foods (unopened cans or containers).
3. Medical supplies, instruments, x-ray equipment.
4. Artificial limbs, braces, crutches, sheets, blankets, towels.
5. Clean, old sheets (torn into 2- or 3-inch strips for bandages), packaged in plastic bags.
6. Clean, used shirts (for "johnny coats").
7. Office furniture and equipment.
8. Dental supplies, instruments, dental x-ray equipment.

Guide lines as set up by the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association prepared by the Judiciary Council of the AMA and ap-

proved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration must be followed. Sample drugs should be collected from the physician's office in their original, unopened packages. These samples should be put in a carton, sealed, and sent to a responsible collection agency. Drugs collected by the auxiliary shall not be sent directly overseas.

Items of the kind listed above should be sent to either:

DIRECT RELIEF FOUNDATION
27 E. Canon Perdido Street
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93101

or

PROJECT CONCERN, INC.
P. O. Box 2468
San Diego, Ca. 92212

Medical Services

Doctor to Doctor. This program has two functions—to provide *current* medical literature to overseas physicians who cannot obtain it otherwise, and to open up avenues of communication between all physicians and their overseas colleagues, establishing thereby a basic medium for better understanding.

Write to:

Ada Chree Reid, M.D., Chairman
American Medical Association
"DOCTOR-TO-DOCTOR PROGRAM"
c/o The World Medical Association, Inc.
10 Columbus Circle, New York, N.Y. 10019

AMDOC, an exchange services program, arranges for physicians, nurses, and paramedical members to be sent overseas to areas of need. (Short-term period of service; transportation and housing furnished in exchange for services.)

Write to:

AMDOC
27 E. Canon Perdido Street
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93101

Medical Teaching. This program is to supply help in administering medical teaching programs for newly emerging nations. Under it, service has been supplied in Indonesia, South Vietnam, Peru, Ecuador, Guinea, Nicaragua, and Colombia.

Write to:

PROJECT HOPE
Wm. B. Walsh, President
2233 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

MED-AID—instructions via short-wave radio.
MED-AID operates a daily short-wave medical

emergency service which connects Durham, N.C., with isolated medical outposts throughout the world. Calls have come from Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, San Salvador, Mexico, Liberia and the Congo. Instantaneous consultation on the latest diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease is available through the skills of medical specialists in institutions at Duke University. MED-AID and AMDOC are cooperating.

MARCO is securing equipment for setting up ham radio stations for MED-AID. If ham radio equipment or useful parts for building ham radios are available (gratis), write to:

Dr. Wm. Sprague
433 North 4th St.,
Montebello, Ca. 90640

Volunteer Physicians for Vietnam. Physicians who volunteer services for specific period—transportation and housing plus \$10 per day expenses.

Write to:

AMA VOLUNTEER PHYSICIANS
FOR VIETNAM
535 North Dearborn Street
Chicago, Ill. 60610

Vietnamese Student-Aid Project. Training students to return and work and train others for the Saigon Medical School. Needs financial aid.

Send check to:

Woman's Auxiliary to the AMA
535 North Dearborn Street
Chicago, Ill. 60610

earmarked for "Vietnamese Student-Aid Project.

International Hospitality. Through International Medical Family Days, arrangements are made for entertainment of visiting foreign physicians and wives; for dissemination of information to physicians' wives in foreign countries; for invitations to foreign medical students' wives to WA-SAMA and to all Auxiliary meetings. Other functions are to promote foreign students' programs, visit international clubs and tell of the Auxiliaries' programs in International Health Activities and how they can help their own countries' health progress.

Doctor, please clip and save this article as a handy reference to assist you in actively participating in this tremendously necessary, worthwhile program sponsored by *your* Medical Auxiliary.

All donations are tax deductible with the exception of surplus pharmaceuticals.

MRS. CHARLES J. HART, *Chairman*
International Health Activities